



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Utah experienced scattered rain showers this week, as producers finish up harvesting and fall fieldwork. The days suitable for fieldwork were 6.4 days. The fall harvest continues to be the major activity around the state. Livestock continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports that farmers are continuing to harvest fall crops. The forage harvest is almost over, and due to the cooler weather, hay is taking longer to dry. Producers continue to harvest grain corn with very good yields reported. Acreage under the National Corn Growers contest is averaging 250 to 290 bushels per acre. Producers have begun planting fall wheat on dry land acreage. In some parts of the Box Elder, the moisture has been inadequate, so producers are planting the wheat shallow. Crop farmers have reported good prices on all their crops except onions. Cache County reports that the weekend rains have helped, but the county is still very short on soil moisture. The shorter days and cooler nights are making it difficult for producers to get to the final cutting of dry hay baled. Summit County reports that some fall week spraying is taking place along with traditional fall field tillage.

Livestock Summary

Carbon County reports that their rangeland has been seriously affected due to the drought this year. Improved Rangeland is estimated at an 85 percent loss, their Unimproved Native Mountain is estimated at a 35 percent loss, and Wet Meadows is estimated at a 60 percent loss. Their average loss for Irrigated Alfalfa and Irrigated Mixed Forage (both grazed instead of harvested) is estimated at 60 percent respectively. Box Elder County reports that livestock producers are continuing to gather cattle from summer ranges and move to fall pastures and crop residue. Many producers sold their calves earlier but some are in the process of finding buyers and getting their calves weaned. Prices for calves have slipped a little in the last few weeks. Sheep producers have been sorting and selling fat lambs and moving sheep to fall pastures and crop residue fields. Sheep producers have been sorting and selling their fat lambs. Cache County reports that producers are weaning and selling their calves. Summit and Emery County reports that most cattle and sheep are coming off the summer range, but fall and winter grazing is going to be in short supply. Beaver County reports that cattle are being gathered off the summer ranges, but some farmers are having a hard time finding all their livestock due to the fires.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending October 14, 2007**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Winter Wheat Planted	64	58	80	82
Winter Wheat Emerged	39	30	48	50
Corn Mature	92	87	92	83
Corn Grain Harvested	46	35	32	24
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	86	74	79	78
Apple Harvested	80	69	88	78

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending October 14, 2007**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	19	38	29	14	0
Corn	0	1	16	61	22

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending October 14, 2007**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	16	37	45	2
Subsoil	26	33	41	0
Irrigation water supplies	43	31	26	0
Stock water supplies	22	38	40	0